

**Rowe School Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, September 14, 2010**

The Massachusetts Open Meeting Law requires minutes for all school committee and subcommittee meetings. The recorded minutes are open to the public for inspection within 10 days of the meeting. Minutes are recorded to provide a brief overview that reflects the subject matter discussed and any decisions made. Motions made are to clearly indicate who made the motion and who seconded the motion. Record who was in favor, who opposed, or who abstained. The names of any person(s) appearing before the committee are to be indicated.

**Documents:** August 10, 2010 Rowe School Committee Meeting Minutes  
August 11, 2010 letter from The Rowe Finance Committee, to Maggie Rice  
re: Recommendations for the FY2012 School Budget and Teacher  
Contract Negotiations  
Sept. 3, 2010 letter from Bob Clancy to Henry Dandeneau re: Town of Rowe  
Attendance Officer  
Rowe School District – Rowe Elementary School Adequate yearly Progress Data  
2010- Summary  
August 24, 2010 Press Release re: Patrick-Murray Administration unveils Model  
Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan  
Sept. 8, 2010 The New York Times – Education – Many States Adopt national  
Standards for their schools  
July 2010 Mass DOE – A Report Comparing the Common Core State Standards  
with the Working Draft Massachusetts Standards for English Language  
Arts and Mathematics  
Executive Summary – Thomas B Fordham institute – The State of State  
Standards – and the Common Core in 2010  
June 30, 2010 Rowe School District FY10 Operating Statement (FINAL)  
Sept. 7, 2010 - Rowe School – Review of Cafeteria Improvements  
Rowe FY11 Budget Schedule  
Rowe FY12 Budget Schedule  
Sept 3, 2010 - Principal Report  
Sept. 7, 2010 - Comparison of Rowe Finances 2000-2010

**1. Call to Order:**

Maggie Rice called the meeting to order at 6:40pm. **Roll call:** Bob Clancy, Ruth Manna, Joanne Blier, Michael Buoniconti, Lisa Danek Burke, Maggie Rice and Laurie Laffond were present.

**2. Audience of Citizens:**

None

**3. Approval of Minutes:**

- A. A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Maggie Rice to approve the Rowe School Committee meeting minutes from August 10, 2010 as read. Unanimous yes vote.

**4. Correspondence:**

- A. August 11, 2010- letter from Rowe Finance Committee to Rowe School Committee  
re: Recommendations for the FY2012 School Budget and Teacher Contract  
Negotiations – See Appendix A  
B. September 3, 2010, letter from Bob Clancy to Rowe Police Chief Henry Dandeneau  
re: Town of Rowe Attendance Officer – See Appendix B

**5. Unfinished Business:**

- A. Energy Project – The Energy Committee is looking to finalize payment with Siemens. A letter regarding a guarantee that newly installed heating units in the classrooms will work come the heating season will go along with payment.
- B. Solar Project – September 9, 2010 meeting – The contract is in place and construction is expected to begin this fall.
- C. Steve Crowningshield fixed the column by the preschool exit door.

**6. Report of the Chairperson:**

- A. Meeting on September 21, 2010 – Maggie Rice will not be able to attend.

**7. Report of the Superintendent:**

- A. Ruth Manna was introduced. She is the new K-8 Curriculum Director
- B. Adequate Yearly Progress – MCAS data was published today  
– See Appendix C
- C. Model Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan – Discussed the surveys. There are 4 different surveys: A survey for grades 3-6; for grades 7-12; a survey for parents and one for staff members. - See Appendix D
- D. Common Core Standards – A Report Comparing the Common Core State Standards with the Working Draft Massachusetts Standards for English Language Arts and Mathematics- See Appendix E and Appendix F

**8. Financial Information:**

- A. FY10 Final Operating Statement – See Appendix G
- B. Rowe School – Review of Cafeteria Improvements – Appendix H
- C. FY11-FY12 – Rowe Budget Schedule – See Appendix I

**9. Report of the Principal:**

- A. Principal Report – As read - See Appendix J

**10. Action Items:**

- A. None at this time.

**11. Subcommittee Reports:**

- A. Policy Subcommittee – Student Handbooks - \*\*Revisions on the Common Chapters in the Student Handbooks was done over the summer. There were references in the handbook on policies that do not exist for Rowe or Hawlemont. We have 24 policies that need to be looked at and revised.
- B. Transportation Subcommittee – Not at this time.
- C. Negotiations Subcommittee – Not at this time.

**12. Handouts:**

- A. September 7, 2010 Comparison of Rowe Finances 2000-2010 – See Appendix K

**13. Executive Session:**

- A. A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Maggie Rice to go into Executive Session for the purposes of Collective Bargaining M.G.L. Chapter 39 Section 23b(3) at 7:45pm and to come out with the purpose of adjournment. Lisa Danek Burke – yes and Maggie Rice – yes.

**14. Adjournment:**

- A. A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Maggie Rice to adjourn the meeting at 8:26pm. Unanimous yes vote.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laurie Laffond

Approved:

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Margaret Rice, Chairman

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Lisa Danek Burke

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Rebecca Richardson